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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



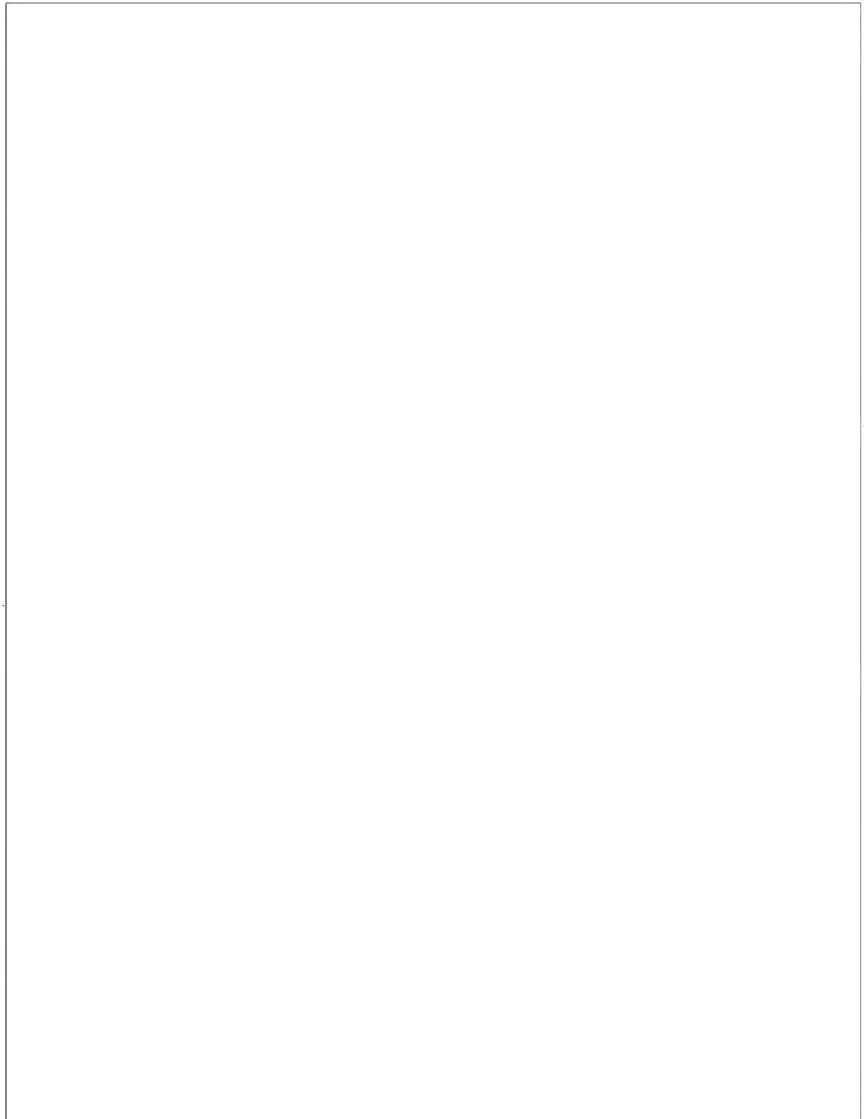
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1. Communist China



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2. United Nations

There is a general feeling at the UN that U Thant will agree to remain in office at least for a shortened term if a suitable successor cannot be found.

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3. Belgium-Congo

Despite strong public pressure for a hard line against Mobutu, the Belgian Government yesterday formally approved a conciliatory policy toward the Congo. This means that Brussels will maintain its technical assistance in health, education, and rural development.

Military and police aid, however, will be purely advisory, not operational as in the past. The problem with this is that the Congo's army and police have rarely been able to function without foreign leadership.

4. Ethiopia

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5. South Vietnam

Chief of State Thieu publicly declared today that he will not be a candidate for the presidency of a future elected government. This is similar to an earlier statement by Premier Ky. These could be intended as conciliatory gestures to the Buddhists.

The leaders in Saigon still, however, show no signs of giving in to another major Buddhist demand--that they quickly release political prisoners.

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